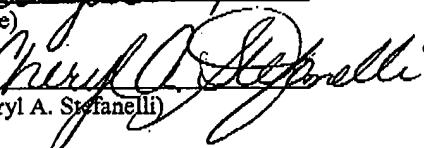


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Additional Preliminary Amendment

Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claims 1 - 38 (Canceled)

Claim 39 (Previously Added) A method for inhibiting the loss of learning ability or increasing the learning ability of an aged companion pet in